March 15, 1976

by the state's 45 district courts and three juvenile court judges and the 71 probation officers and 43 support personnel. You will note that there is a 49% increase in General Fund expenditures because 37 of these positions were funded through federal grants which expired. You will find throughout this document that there are a number of positions which have been funded through federal grants and then, when the grants run out without any prior discussion, they come in and say, well, we are in trouble because the monies run out. That is why in the future we are going to have to have a tighter rein over federal grants. Senator Kelly has a question.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, a question of Senator Marvel, and it is in that area of federal grants running out. Was your Committee informed ahead of time, like have you been expecting that 49% increase to come into the budget at this time?

SENATOR MARVEL: This was a three year program. We were informed a year before it expired and this is a... we have had a running battle with LEAA in this area and you will...each member of this Legislature has probably received some correspondence from LEAA that they think we are putting too tight a rein on them but I think the majority of the Committee feels the rein isn't tight enough. We were notified one year ahead of time.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Marvel, is that one year, has it been sufficient for your Committee to determine that the state does want to perform these other 37 positions? Do we really want to do that?

SENATOR MARVEL: We get...Senator Marsh is shaking her head yes. We get conflicting information or less than adequate information. In fairness to the probation system in spite the fact that their figures are a little difficult to interpret, I would say in this case, yes. We had received information that this was needed. It was reasonably proved.

SENATOR KELLY: With your indulgence, Senator Marvel, I will be continuing that question as we go through the document and I thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel, Senator Dworak has a question.

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Marvel, you said to note that this is a 49% increase. Where do I note that at? I don't see how we determine how much increase there is. Could you help me out there or do we just take your word for it? How can I note there is a 49% increase?

SENATOR MARVEL: You have got lots of figures which compare the up-to-date recommendations of the Committee, the recommendations of the Governor, and I guess, Senator Dworak, if you are interested, we can get you the comparative data and despite the voluminous material we